

phone lever-men who manipulate interlocking machines in railroad yards or on main tracks out on the lines connecting side tracks or switches or train despatchers in its services; whose duties substantially as hereinbefore set forth pertain to the movement of cars, engines or trains on its railroad by the use of the telegraph or telephone in despatching or reporting trains or receiving or transmitting train orders as interpreted in this section, to be on duty for more than eight hours in any twenty-four consecutive hours. Any person, corporation or association that shall violate section 261, shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars for each violation thereof.

As to the hours of work in factories, the employment of children, etc., see art. 100.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 261. 1912, sec. 324. 1906, ch. 454.

262. The fine mentioned in the preceding section shall be recovered by an action of debt in the name of the State of Maryland for the use of the State, who shall sue for it against such person, corporation or association violating said section, said suit to be instituted in any court in this State having appropriate jurisdiction.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 262. 1912, sec. 325. 1906, ch. 454.

263. The said fine when recovered as aforesaid shall be paid without any deduction whatever, one-half thereof to the informer, and the balance thereof to be paid into the public school fund of the State of Maryland; provided, that the provisions of sections 261 to 263 shall not apply to any part of a railroad where not more than eight regular passenger trains in twenty-four hours pass each way; provided, moreover, that where twenty freight trains pass each way generally in each twenty-four hours then the provisions of sections 261 to 263 shall apply, notwithstanding that there may pass a less number of passenger trains than hereinbefore set forth, namely, eight.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 263. 1912, sec. 325A. 1914, ch. 26.

264. Any person employed as signalman, towerman, gateman, leverman, agent, train despatcher, telegraph or telephone operator in a railroad signal tower or public railroad station to receive or transmit a telegraphic or telephonic message or train order for the movement of trains and who works eight hours or more in any twenty-four each and every day continuously, and all levermen employed in connection with the reception or transmission of a telegraphic or telephonic message or train order for the movement of trains and who work the number of hours aforesaid must have and shall be allowed at least two days of twenty-four hours each in each and every calendar month for rest with the regular compensation; except in cases of extraordinary emergency caused by accident, fire, flood or danger to life or property, and for such extra service in case or cases of such emergency, such employee or employees who shall work on extra days by reason of such emergency shall be paid in addition to his regular compensation for and during the calendar month in which such extra service shall be rendered an amount equal to his average daily compensation for each day during which he performs such extra service. Any person or persons, company, corporation or association, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section shall on conviction pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each violation thereof, and such fine shall be recovered by an action of debt in the name of the State of Maryland for the use of the State, which shall sue for it against such person, company, corporation or